

**MICHIGAN ELECTION LAW (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 116 of 1954**

**168.24a Board of county canvassers; establishment; powers and duties; conduct of recounts; costs; abolition of boards of canvassers; appointment and terms of members; applicability of section.**

Sec. 24a. (1) A 4-member board of county canvassers is established in every county in this state. All of the powers granted to and duties required by law to be performed by all boards of canvassers established by law, other than the board of state canvassers, boards of city canvassers in cities having more than 5 precincts, boards of canvassers in counties having a population of 1,500,000 or more, and boards of township canvassers in townships having more than 5 precincts, are granted to and required to be performed by the board of county canvassers. The board of county canvassers shall conduct all recounts of elections in cities, townships, villages, school districts, or any other districts and be vested with all of the powers and required to perform all the duties in connection with any recount. If a city, village, school district, or any other district lies in more than 1 county, and a duty is to be performed by the board of county canvassers, the board of county canvassers in the county in which the greatest number of registered voters of the city, village, or district resides at the close of registration for the election involved shall perform the duty. The cost of canvass of school, city, township, and village elections shall be borne by the school district, city, township, or village holding the election, and upon presentation of a bill for the costs incurred by the board of county canvassers, the school district, city, township, or village shall reimburse the county treasurer.

(2) All boards of canvassers provided for in law including boards of school canvassers, the duties of which are by this act required to be performed by boards of county canvassers, are abolished.

(3) Members of the board shall be appointed for terms of 4 years beginning on November 1 following their appointment. Of the members first appointed, 1 member of each of the political parties represented on the canvassing board shall be appointed for a term of 4 years and 1 for a term of 2 years. Members of the board shall be notified of their appointment within 5 days thereafter by the county clerk.

(4) This section shall apply to all elections, any charter provision to the contrary notwithstanding.

**History:** Add. 1963, Act 237, Eff. Sept. 6, 1963;—Am. 1963, 2nd Ex. Sess., Act 65, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1963;—Am. 1968, Act 65, Eff. July 1, 1968;—Am. 1970, Act 108, Eff. Apr. 1, 1971;—Am. 1982, Act 154, Imd. Eff. May 17, 1982.

**Compiler's note:** Section 3 of Act 65 of 1968 provides: "This act shall take effect on July 1, 1968, except in any county with a population of 400,000 or more it shall take effect on July 1, 1970."

**Popular name:** Election Code